

To Solve the Cotton Problem.

To the Editor of the News and Courier:—Being a cotton planter I take keen interest in everything relating to cotton. At the present price of that staple and the prices of everything that goes toward making a cotton crop, it really seems foolhardy to any one to plant cotton another year.

But what are we going to do? Cotton is the basis of credit in the South. By it the wheels of Southern commerce turn. Capital of the North and East is obtained upon the paper of cotton planters. This capital is put into the hands of farmers for the sole purpose of planting cotton. The contracts between the borrower and the lender stipulate this fact.

Now, that being the method by which the major portion of the cotton crop is produced, do we wonder that the price of cotton is down to zero, and that a plethora of that staple has glutted the marts of the world? We cannot; and until the final crisis comes, which sooner or later will come, without Presidential intervention, we may expect to grow poorer each succeeding year until we have reached the end of the tether which binds us with plutonic chains of adamant.

Nearly every man you meet or hear from has a panacea for the cotton planter, or a scheme more visionary than the fabulous Shekinah, by which the price of cotton can be made to go up with leaps and bounds to the high water mark.

Of these free silver is the most popular and threadbare cry. Then there is talk of a Southern Cotton Association, a corner in cotton, a trust, pure and simple. There also is the cry of reduction of acreage. I have also seen it suggested that the farmers borrow all the money possible, invest it in cotton, plant none next season, and sell the cotton thus purchased and held when the market warrants it. The plans are all as visionary as the works of Dean Swift, Rider Haggard, Edgar Poe or any other dreamer—not only visionary, but impractical, and while the impossibility is easily demonstrated, I will give each only a passing notice.

First. Free silver was an issue in the last national campaign, and the result is too well known to mention here.

Second. Trusts are abominable, to say the least, and the temper of the American people is not going to tolerate any long gigantic trust, be it in cotton, corn, wheat or any other product. If I mistake not, Congress has passed an anti-trust measure. So a cotton association is neither right or legal.

Third. The reduction of acreage or the mere talk of reduction greatly incites the acreage and production. It is one of the surest ways to over-production.

Last. The buying and storing of actual cotton by the farmers is too foolish to notice. Farmers never buy cotton; they sell cotton.

Let us now come down to the problem, and let us undertake a solution of it. Every problem has a correct solution. Though it may be ever so intricate, wrapped in darkest mystery, veiled in deepest doubt, yet to it is a key and when found the mystery is made plain, the intricacies disappear. To the vexed cotton problem there is a key, and if you will pardon my vanity I hereby place it in your hands, and when you get it you can eliminate the adverb from the Scriptural phrase and write it: "Tell it in Gath and publish it in Askelon."

Under the present system of cotton planting, with no legal restrictions upon the acreage, the volume of cotton is sure to grow larger each succeeding year, until the final crisis comes. How long under present conditions the farmers can stay the irresistible hour is hard to say, but unless there comes a sudden and permanent change for the better, in a few years few farmers will own the lands upon which they live. The system of Europe, the peasant system, is knocking loudly at our doors, and it is only a question of time ere it is irrevocably established here. Take up the County papers of South Carolina and observe the legal sales of land being made each month. It is truly appalling and alarming. True, by some fiction of the law, some of these lands revert to their former owners, but in many cases the title deeds are made to other persons than the former owners. But a change of owners does not change the methods of culture. The same old system, regardless of owners, goes on from year to year, the cotton acreage steadily increasing. And the lower the price of cotton goes the larger the area is given to that plant.

Every farmer must have a given sum of money in order to go on. Of course, a few bales of high-priced cotton will yield this sum, and a larger number of low-priced bales are necessary to yield it. So a farmer reasons that a specific sum must be had, and in order to raise it, greater energy is brought into requisition when cotton is low. Although cotton now is, with one exception, cheaper than it has been in fifty years, yet even now every farmer is planning to

increase his cotton crop next year from 10 to 40 per cent.

Such is the case here and such is the case all over the South. It has gone on thus since the war, is going on now, even in the face of the fact that production has reached a plethora, and it will go on till the strong arm of the law steps in and cuts a halt to the farmers in their hell bent voyage.

Legal measures must stop this reckless planting of cotton. The law must say how much each individual farmer can plant in cotton. Make the law reach every cotton grower, be he merchant, doctor, lawyer, preacher, farmer, cropper, tenant, or what else. Make the extreme limit under all circumstances not over 12½ acres to the plow, and have commissioners in every township to see the law executed to the letter. Make the offense so great till no one dare violate it. Do this, and you have the cotton problem in other way is possible or practicable.

Do this and the West would have to seek other customers for her grain, flour, meat, horses, mules and provisions; Wall street would have to seek other borrowers of her idle millions; Liverpool would no longer fix the price of cotton; the farmers would soon be independent, self-relying, prosperous and happy; the South would be the grandest, richest, most independent country on earth; prosperity would flaunt her banners to the passing breezes, herald the breaking of a glorious day; peace, happiness, contentment would be our own, and "all go merry as a marriage bell."

Fail to do this, and ruin, gaunt ruin, the harbinger of woe and misery, will make our houses her haunts, her dwelling place. Chaos, from which all things sprung, will come and claim her own, singing as she comes the solemn requiem of the dead.

Such a law is reasonable, practicable and lawful. The framers of our Constitution never once dreamed that the farmers of this country would or could glut the marts of the world with any product and continue each year to make the plethora more burdensome, and, therefore, never inculcated in the base of civil liberty any clause forbidding the abrogation of what might, at a casual glance, seem the immunities of the agriculturist. Therefore, the Constitution is powerless to interfere. Such is my humble opinion, and I am vain enough to believe the highest Courts will sustain it.

So the true solution of the cotton problem is the intervention of the law's strong arm. No other reasonable solution can be reached. The farmers have reached the point of recklessness and desperation, and in their vain efforts to free themselves they are getting deeper in the mire each year.

Our password should be, "To the rescue! To the rescue!" And the motto of every law-maker should be the words of the golden-tongued Ben Lill: "Who saves the country, saves all things, and all things saved will bless him. Who lets his country die, lets all things die, and all things dying, curse him."

A. W. BRADHAM.
Kearse, Bamberg County, Nov. 22, 1897.

Benefit From Weeping.

We have heard of people "sick from weeping," but now it appears, according to the *Hospital*, that tears are positively beneficial. This is partly due to the increased depth of respiration and the improvement in often languid circulation thereby induced, but to a large extent it is the result of the muscular exercise involved by which the general vascular tension, and especially the blood pressure to the brain, is much reduced. The profuse flow of tears, no doubt, also acts strongly on the cerebral circulation in still further reducing tension. The sobbing movements again have a good influence upon the circulation. All of which makes us in favor of what is known as "a good cry."

A Cheap Spee.

A German chemist has succeeded in making a first-rate brandy out of sawdust. I am a friend of the temperance movement and I want it to succeed, but what chance will it have when a man can take a rip-saw and go out and get drunk with a fenceboard? What is the use of a prohibitory liquor law if a man is able to make brandy out of his hen-roost, or if he can get delirium tremens by drinking the legs of his kitchen chairs? You may shut an innkeeper out of a saloon, but if he can become uproarious on boiled sawdust, any effort must necessarily be a failure. —*San Francisco News-Letter*.

—Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says: "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. Evans Pharmacy.

—A man of 100 and a woman of 70 have just married at St. Joseph, Mo. Love may not be entirely blind in this case, but perhaps has to wear very strong glasses.

—Mrs. M. B. Ford, Reddell, Ill., suffered for eight years from dyspepsia and chronic constipation and was finally cured by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for all stomach and liver troubles. Evans Pharmacy.

Sixty-Eight Miles an Hour.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 29.—The Union Pacific Road has made another record for fast running. A mail train has been shot across the country, from Cheyenne to Council Bluffs, 519 miles, in 559 minutes. This is actual elapsed time, and includes all stops. Engines were changed twice and one engine was relieved. All the regular stops were made and one extra when an air brake burst and had to be repaired at the expense of several minutes.

A burned out bridge, near Medicine Bow, Wyoming, delayed the mail train five hours and thirty minutes. The train reached Cheyenne five hours later. It was necessary to reach Council Bluffs on time or pay a heavy fine to the Government. It was a most remarkable run against time. Cheyenne to Sydney, 102 miles, was made in 107 minutes. Engineers were changed, and the run from Sydney to North Platte, 123 miles, was made in 114 minutes. On this run a stop was made at Julesburg to get the Colorado mail. From North Platte to Grand Island, 138 miles, the time was 154 minutes. Engineers were changed at Lexington, and other stops were necessary. From Grand Island to Council Bluffs, 156 miles, the time was 165 minutes, including a stop of five minutes to fix a burst tank hose, requiring station stops, a delay by a Missouri Pacific freight train entering the Omaha yards, and other annoyances.

The mail was landed in Council Bluffs with 13 minutes to spare, the actual average running from Cheyenne being a little more than 62 1/2 miles an hour.

The most wonderful burst of speed was shown on the 100-mile stretch between Grand Island and Ames. This was covered in 93 minutes, actual time. From this must be deducted five minutes for the delay with the broken hose at Columbus, making the time 88 minutes for the 100 miles, including all regular stops, or more than 68 miles an hour.

Women Jurors in Idaho.

Boise City, Idaho, has experimented with women jurors, and the result has been entertaining anyway. Perhaps it was instructive, too, for in the end justice was done, and the next time these particular women sit on a jury they will have learned the fundamental principles of law.

It was a probate case before Judge Blake. The jury was mixed in the matter of sex, there being two men and four women. Mrs. R. E. Green, Mrs. Royakin, Mrs. E. J. Pasmore and one unmarried woman, Miss S. F. Wood. Perhaps the men couldn't explain the fine points of law, or perhaps the women wouldn't let them. Anyway, after being out six hours, when the hearing of the evidence took only one hour, and after deliberating in voices which reached the uttermost parts of the court building, the jury came into court with the announcement that they couldn't agree, no, never.

"We can't agree, that's all there is to it. I never saw such a lot in all my life," was the report brought by Mrs. Green, the foreman. They had been laboring heavily under the impression that the statements of the district attorney were part of the evidence. In telling the story Mrs. Green told ten times more than the judge thought should be given out in open court, but there was no stepping the flow of words until the source had been exhausted.

When the judge gave the jury to understand that the statements of the district attorney were not evidence the jury retired and in a few minutes brought in a verdict giving the plaintiff every cent asked for.

The jury was seriously put out because the bailiff hung around so he could hear every word that was said, and when another court officer went into the jury room to build a fire the women begged him to give his opinion on the case.

But the judge was mollified by the verdict, because the jury had agreed, and that was more than the previous jury in the same case, a jury composed entirely of men, had done. —*Kansas City Journal*.

—Prosperity comes quickest to the man whose liver is in good condition. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are famous little pills for constipation, biliousness, indigestion and all stomach and liver troubles. Evans Pharmacy.

—Little Willie: "Are you tongue tied?" Featherstone: "Of course not, Willie. What makes you think so?" Willie: "Sister says she has been waiting for months for you to speak."

—J. A. Perkins, of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. Evans Pharmacy.

—If you accept a favor from a friend in your own hour of need, and refuse to return it when his circumstances are hard and difficult you show yourself to be essentially base.

All Sorts of Paragraphs.

—Faith in God will never grow stronger by neglecting prayer.

—A hot argument, strangle as it may sound, can most effectually cool a man.

—People who are addicted to tattling, gossip and scandal are no better than those they talk about.

—Web to the length of two and one-fourth miles has been drawn from the body of a single spider.

—What is that which you cannot hold 10 minutes, although it is as light as a feather? Your breath.

—Miss Alice Hughes, Norfolk, Va., was tragically burned on the face and neck. Pain was instantly relieved by Dr. Williams' Witch Hazel Salve, which healed the injury without leaving a scar. It is the famous pile remedy. Evans Pharmacy.

—The most popular female in the United States is the blonde lady whose face adorns the twenty-dollar gold piece.

—"Say, do you believe that story of the goose laying a golden egg?" "Well it would be just like a goose to do such a foolish thing."

—Tom—"Why do you call your mother 'the mater'?" Dick—"Any woman who could succeed in marrying off my four sisters deserves the title."

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says: "My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. Evans Pharmacy.

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—"At no time," said the Cornfed Philosopher, "is a man so willing to take the burden from the weak shoulders of frail woman as when she is harassed with the care of a large and paying property."

—In Alaska the natives use a fat fish, like a smelt, for a candle. They light them at the tail, and they burn 15 minutes. There are millions of them. The crabs measure six feet from tip to tip of the claws.

—Miss Bettie Runnels, of New Orleans, a social favorite and a young woman of genuine worth, has the unique distinction of being the first female law student in the State of Louisiana. She has matriculated at Tulane University and will take the full law course preparatory to entering the practice.

—Quick-firing guns are more depended upon at the present day than extreme length of range, and in this respect what is considered the most wonderful of guns, perhaps, is one of the Maxims, which can fire as many as 600 shots a minute, and yet is so light that a soldier can carry it strapped to his back.

—Billiken: "What's the matter, Williken?" Williken: "Matter enough. You know, some time ago I assigned all my property to my wife to—keep it out of the hands of—of people I owe, you know?" "Yes." "Well, she's taken the money and gone off—says she won't live with me because I swindled my creditors."

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"Mamma," the Chicago Post quotes the 5-year-old, sitting in his bath, as saying, "We have to die."

"Yes," assented the mother, rubbing him cheerfully.

"I have to die, and you have to die."

"Oh, yes, sometime."

"Then we have to go to heaven. Will they live in different houses, or all together in one family?"

"Perhaps all in one family," suggested the mother, carelessly.

"Then I don't want to go to heaven. There wouldn't be anybody to visit."

—One of our exchanges reports the following as a curiosity of law: "A young man purchased 2,000 extra fine cigars, and had them insured for their value, smoked them up and demanded the insurance, claiming that they had been destroyed by fire. The case was taken to the court and the judge decided in favor of the young man. The insurance company then had the young man arrested for setting fire to his own property, and the same judge ordered that he pay a fine and go to jail for three months."

—"A married life isn't what it's cracked up to be," remarked Mrs. Grimesleigh. "When I married Daniel I thought it would be so handy to have a man about the house; but lo! that's all it amounted to. He's never at home when he's wanted for anything, and if he is, he's tired or busy or something or other; and so I have to go to work and do the thing myself. 'S far as I can see, men are only in the way when they are in the house, and out of the way when they're wanted."

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